

# Descanso Planning Group

## Minutes of Regular August 19, 2010 Meeting

**Date, Time and Place:** August 19, 2010 @ 7:00PM @ the Descanso Town Hall,  
24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
  1. Rachel Antle
  2. Jo Ellen Quinting 7:40
  3. Deirdre Carter
  4. John Elliott
  5. Michael Sterns
  6. Cathy Prazma *absent*
  7. Don Hickie *absent*
  8. Claudia White
  9. Terry Gibson 7:05
3. Approval of Minutes from June, August, September 2009 and June, July 2010 Regular Meetings.  
*Minutes for July 2010 Regular Meeting: Michael/John VOTE: 5-0-1-3 Approved*
4. Correspondence and Announcements: There will not be an election for the Descanso Planning Group on November 2, 2010 in that only two candidates filed for the four seats completing terms.
5. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items
6. New Business
  - A. **Dead Tree Removal Request:** Steven Croft, Vegetation Manager, Department of Public Works requests public notification and DPG review for removing a dead oak that was marked for removal by the Fire Safe program at 24532 Summit Drive. Removal is requested by property owner for traffic and personal safety. *Motion by John/Terry: Tree appears to pose a potential traffic hazard. We propose immediate tree removal. VOTE: 6-0-0-3*
  - B. **Alternatives for Community Representation:** Report on Supervisor Jacob's meeting August 19, 2010 attended by Michael Sterns on developing alternatives for community representation that would reduce the liability to all Community Planning Group members and the County of San Diego as directed at the Board of Supervisors hearing on March 23, 2010. *Michael reported on a meeting with Diane Jacob/Tom Watson/Eric Gibson to get feedback on motion (see alternatives for community representation). We are, and have been, under FFP but need training. PG members could face litigation and question is whether there would be financial support for lawyer or judgment costs. Members need to be accountable for following rules, filing forms, and on ethical issues. This issue is not a priority with supervisors and may not be resolved this year.*
  - C. **Department of Parks and Recreation leadership summit:** Report on August 11, 2010 meeting with consultants GreenPlay attended by Michael Sterns to discuss community values and a vision for parks and recreation services in San Diego County. *DPR is broke and wants to increase fees. SDParks.org: see 5 year plan. Main issue was to gather community input.*
7. Old Business
  - A. **Park Land Dedication Ordinance Project Priority List:** Deferred from July 15, 2010 meeting- Approval of a new 5 year Park Land Dedication Ordinance Project Priority List and Recreation Program Priority as requested by Department of Parks and Recreation July 1, 2010. Report from subcommittee for a community park in Descanso. Review Central Mountain Local Park Planning Area 2004-2009 projects, current PLDO fund balance and method of allocating Park Land Dedication Ordinance funds in the Central Mountain region. *Terry presented the Parkland priority list developed by the subcommittee. 1. Track, 2. Ball Field, 3. Toddler playground (looking for grant funding for this), 4. Recreation program. Following a directive from Bradley Roberts Terry called PVPG chairperson to request to be put on agenda to discuss sharing PLDO funds and was denied. She was told that this agenda item was discussed by the PVPG and they agreed NOT to put this item on the PV agenda as THEY have the regional park and choose not to discuss the issue of sharing funds. The DPG voted to accept the priority list developed by the subcommittee. VOTE: 7-0-0-2 Michael will submit list.*

8. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor. Any member of the public may address the Group on topics pertaining to planning, zoning and land use, which does not appear elsewhere in this agenda. No Group action is permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes. *Billy Joe shared that Hwy 94 is officially a Historic Highway.*
9. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas *Parkland Dedication subcommittee report*
10. Approval of Expenditures/Expenses and Treasurer's Report *None*
11. Announcement of Next Meeting: September 16, 2010 @ 7:00PM.
12. Adjournment *8:30*

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Michael Sterns, Chair @ 619-659-3801 or [michaelasterns@gmail.com](mailto:michaelasterns@gmail.com)